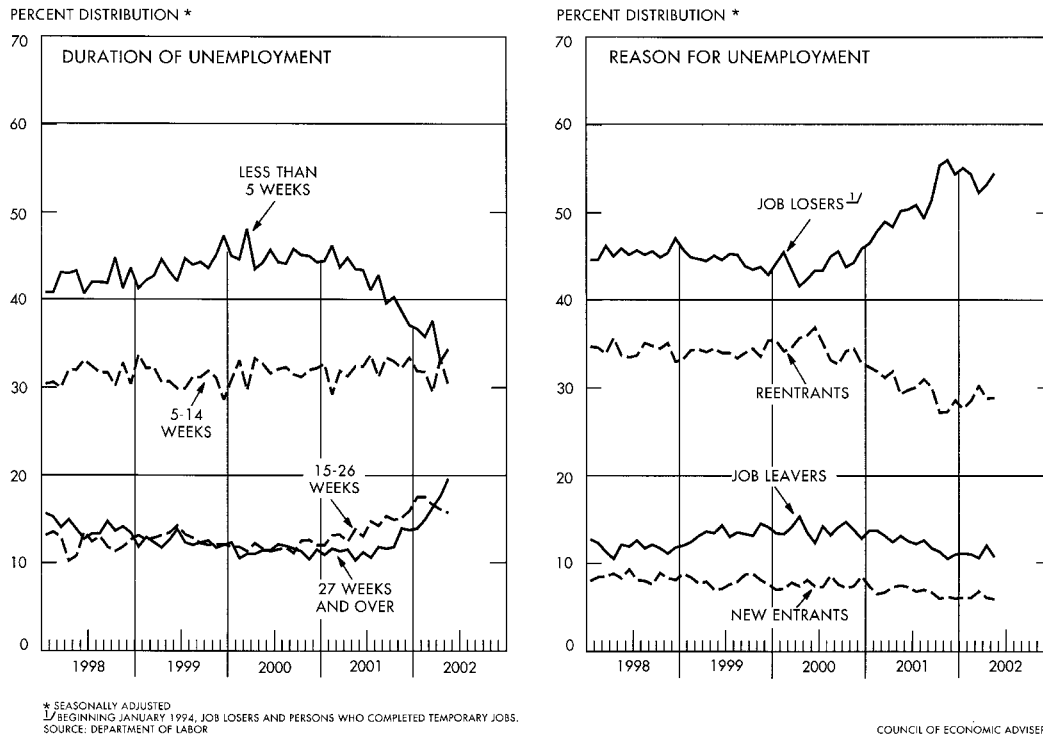


## SELECTED MEASURES OF UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE PROGRAMS

In May, the percentages of the unemployed who had been out of work for less than 5 weeks and for 27 weeks and over rose; the percentages for 5-14 weeks and for 15-26 weeks fell. The mean duration of unemployment rose to 17.1 weeks and the median duration rose to 9.8 weeks.



[Monthly data seasonally adjusted, except as noted]

| Period                    | Un-employment<br>(thou-<br>sands) | Duration of unemployment   |               |                |                            |                        |        | Reason for unemployment:<br>percent distribution |                     |                 |                      | State<br>programs                 |                   | Insured unem-<br>ployment,<br>all<br>regular<br>programs<br>(unadjusted) <sup>2</sup> |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------|----------------|----------------------------|------------------------|--------|--|---------------------|-----------------|----------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------|---|
|                           |                                   | Percent distribution       |               |                |                            | Number of weeks        |        | Job<br>los-<br>ers <sup>1</sup>                  | Job<br>leav-<br>ers | Reen-<br>trants | New<br>en-<br>trants | Insured<br>unem-<br>plov-<br>ment | Initial<br>claims |   |
|                           |                                   | Less<br>than<br>5<br>weeks | 5-14<br>weeks | 15-26<br>weeks | 27<br>weeks<br>and<br>over | Aver-<br>age<br>(mean) | Median |  |                     |                 |                      |                                   |                   |   |
|                           |                                   |                            |               |                |                            |                        |        |  |                     |                 |                      |                                   |                   |   |
| Weekly average, thousands |                                   |                            |               |                |                            |                        |        |  |                     |                 |                      |                                   |                   |   |
| 1992 .....                | 9,613                             | 35.1                       | 29.4          | 15.1           | 20.3                       | 17.7                   | 8.7    | 56.1   | 10.4                | 23.8            | 9.7                  | 3,245                             | 408               | 3,348   |
| 1993 .....                | 8,940                             | 36.5                       | 28.9          | 14.5           | 20.1                       | 18.0                   | 8.3    | 54.2   | 10.9                | 24.6            | 10.3                 | 2,751                             | 341               | 2,845   |
| 1994 <sup>3</sup> .....   | 7,996                             | 34.1                       | 30.1          | 15.5           | 20.3                       | 18.8                   | 9.2    | 47.7   | 9.9                 | 34.8            | 7.6                  | 2,670                             | 340               | 2,739   |
| 1995 .....                | 7,404                             | 36.5                       | 31.6          | 14.6           | 17.3                       | 16.6                   | 8.3    | 46.9   | 11.1                | 34.1            | 7.8                  | 2,572                             | 357               | 2,633   |
| 1996 .....                | 7,236                             | 36.4                       | 31.6          | 14.6           | 17.4                       | 16.7                   | 8.3    | 46.6   | 10.7                | 34.7            | 8.0                  | 2,595                             | 356               | 2,650   |
| 1997 .....                | 6,739                             | 37.7                       | 31.7          | 14.8           | 15.8                       | 15.8                   | 8.0    | 45.1   | 11.8                | 34.7            | 8.4                  | 2,323                             | 323               | 2,366   |
| 1998 .....                | 6,210                             | 42.2                       | 31.4          | 12.3           | 14.1                       | 14.5                   | 6.7    | 45.5   | 11.8                | 34.3            | 8.4                  | 2,222                             | 321               | 2,257   |
| 1999 .....                | 5,880                             | 43.7                       | 31.2          | 12.8           | 12.3                       | 13.4                   | 6.4    | 44.6   | 13.3                | 34.1            | 8.0                  | 2,188                             | 298               | 2,219   |
| 2000 .....                | 5,655                             | 45.0                       | 31.9          | 11.8           | 11.4                       | 12.6                   | 5.9    | 44.1   | 13.7                | 34.6            | 7.6                  | 2,110                             | 301               | 2,141   |
| 2001 .....                | 6,742                             | 42.0                       | 32.1          | 14.1           | 11.8                       | 13.2                   | 6.8    | 50.8   | 12.3                | 30.1            | 6.7                  | 2,972                             | 404               | 3,005   |
| 2001: May .....           | 6,210                             | 43.5                       | 32.4          | 13.8           | 10.3                       | 12.4                   | 6.4    | 50.2   | 13.1                | 29.3            | 7.5                  | 2,891                             | 402               | 2,534   |
| June .....                | 6,465                             | 43.4                       | 32.4          | 13.0           | 11.2                       | 12.9                   | 6.3    | 50.4   | 12.5                | 29.8            | 7.3                  | 2,982                             | 400               | 2,644   |
| July .....                | 6,545                             | 41.1                       | 33.7          | 14.7           | 10.6                       | 12.7                   | 6.7    | 50.9   | 12.2                | 30.1            | 6.8                  | 3,035                             | 397               | 3,171   |
| Aug .....                 | 6,972                             | 42.8                       | 31.2          | 14.2           | 11.8                       | 13.2                   | 6.6    | 49.4   | 12.6                | 31.0            | 7.0                  | 3,150                             | 403               | 2,727   |
| Sept .....                | 7,064                             | 39.6                       | 33.4          | 15.3           | 11.6                       | 13.3                   | 7.3    | 51.5   | 11.7                | 30.1            | 6.7                  | 3,318                             | 453               | 2,853   |
| Oct .....                 | 7,665                             | 40.3                       | 33.0          | 14.9           | 11.8                       | 13.0                   | 7.4    | 55.4   | 11.3                | 27.2            | 6.0                  | 3,562                             | 465               | 3,026   |
| Nov .....                 | 8,026                             | 38.7                       | 32.2          | 15.1           | 13.9                       | 14.4                   | 7.6    | 56.0   | 10.5                | 27.3            | 6.2                  | 3,603                             | 439               | 3,138   |
| Dec .....                 | 8,259                             | 37.1                       | 33.4          | 15.9           | 13.7                       | 14.5                   | 8.2    | 54.4   | 11.0                | 28.6            | 6.0                  | 3,540                             | 410               | 3,940   |
| 2002: Jan .....           | 7,922                             | 36.7                       | 31.9          | 17.5           | 13.9                       | 14.6                   | 8.8    | 55.1   | 11.1                | 27.7            | 6.1                  | 3,475                             | 401               | 4,313   |
| Feb .....                 | 7,891                             | 35.8                       | 31.8          | 17.5           | 14.9                       | 15.0                   | 8.1    | 54.4   | 11.0                | 28.5            | 6.1                  | 3,522                             | 391               | 4,300   |
| Mar .....                 | 8,111                             | 37.6                       | 29.5          | 16.6           | 16.3                       | 15.4                   | 8.1    | 52.3   | 10.6                | 30.3            | 6.8                  | 3,619                             | 422               | 4,150   |
| Apr .....                 | 8,594                             | 33.0                       | 33.3          | 16.1           | 17.6                       | 16.6                   | 8.9    | 53.2   | 12.0                | 28.8            | 6.1                  | 3,757                             | 435               | 3,950   |
| May .....                 | 8,351                             | 34.4                       | 30.3          | 15.7           | 19.6                       | 17.1                   | 9.8    | 54.5   | 10.7                | 28.9            | 5.9                  | .....                             | 412               | .....   |

<sup>1</sup> Beginning January 1994, job losers and persons who completed temporary jobs.

<sup>2</sup> Includes State (50 States, District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and Virgin Islands), ex-servicemen (UCX), and Federal (UCFE). Railroad (RR) programs included through 1993. Also includes Federal and State extended benefit programs. Does not include Federal supplemental compensation or Emergency Unemployment Compensation programs.

<sup>3</sup> Data beginning January 1994 are not directly comparable with data for earlier periods.

NOTE.—Data relate to persons age 16 years and over (except for insured unemployment and initial claims).

Source: Department of Labor (Bureau of Labor Statistics and Employment and Training Administration).